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How Do You Measure a Year in the Life?

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There are 525,600 minutes in a year, and for approximately 300 minutes, Saint Leo's Student Activates Board used their time to take students to see the 20th Anniversary edition of the Broadway musical RENT.

Back in 1996, a musical took stage telling the story of eight New Yorkers as they fight to stay alive on the 1980's New York streets where HIV and AIDS are quickly spreading. It begins with two housemates, Roger and Mark, discussing how they are going to pay their rent. They soon decide that they don't have the money and are going to forgo the payment for yet another year and as the power for the building is turned off. We are quickly pulled onto an emotional roller coaster as the other characters are introduced: Collins and Angel, Joanne and Maureen, Mimi, and Benny.

The music is laced with humor as parents call to check up on their children, and the main characters discover just who they really are. We see drugs, street vendors, and a makeshift Christmas tree. We hear Christmas carols and stand-up comedy, but we learn that even in sorrow and pain, good can come out of the shadows. Most of all, RENT wants fans to take away that we should measure our life in Love.

On Sept. 19, Saint Leo students set out to the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Tampa, just one of the many stops in the popular musical's highly anticipated tour. Some students knew what they were getting into, having seen the movie or a previous edition of this show, while others had only the vaguest sense of what RENT is about.

Paulina Acevedo, a senior Communication Management major, had "heard of the name, but had never heard anything specific about it." Overall, she was excited to see "the love for the show because it is the 20th year" and to see fans who "maybe saw it when they were kids or something. So, it's just like going full circle."

Lois Martinez, a senior Psychology major, was a newcomer to the tale.

"I have never seen the Broadway production of [RENT], nor the movie," Martinez said, overall anticipating a good show. "I was excited to see what [the creative team] decided to do with the production."

After the show, there was a mix of emotions. The production didn't escape some criticism. Acevedo was somewhat confused.

"The first half seemed to have a lot going on at once," said Acevedo. "When a key moment happened, it's as if everything was put in perspective."

Martinez too was "a little disappointed."

"Either the theatrical 'genius' behind the masterpiece did not do his job correctly, or the musical itself is as confusing and boring as was originally written," Martinez said.

The negatives were balanced out by the good, it seemed. Gloria Guisbert, a senior Religions and Global Studies major, was impressed with "a lot of everything."

"I loved the singing," said Guisbert. "Especially Angels' boyfriend's voice." That particular character was played by Aaron Harrington.

Austin Larratta, a senior Biology major, was also impressed. Particularly by the show's choreography and set design.

But whatever people thought, they all took the same message to heart. That, throughout the seasons, it is best to measure one's life in love. For more information or to see if RENT will be in an area near you, visit rentontour.net.

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A posting outside of the theatre displayed some useful info, including the company and creative team behind the 20th Anniversary edition of RENT.

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The final set was an intricate and impressive piece of construction.

Editorial

The Top 13 Water and Amusement Parks to Visit in FL

By Austin Chiavaroli
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The sunshine state has a lot of places for tourists and residents to visit and experience fun and tropical adventures. However, Florida has known better for one fun activity in particular: amusement parks. With the rides, shows, and different kinds of food, these places attract the most people into the state. But which ones are the best to visit? Well, here is a list of the top 13 amusement parks to go and experience in the state of fun and sun.

13. Legoland

Ever wanted to see those building blocks you played with as a kid turn into a giant theme park? Legoland brings that idea into reality as the Lego-themed park has many activities and rides for the family to experience and even has a water park section as well. While it feels like it's built more for a younger crowd, adults can have fun at this amusement park as well.

12. Wet 'n Wild

This water park is fantastically fun with a handful of cool and unique water rides. It is known well in Orlando and is one of the best water parks to go to. Also, though small, it has a lot to offer its guests. With rides like the DiscoH2O, Brain Wash, and more, it's an experience to go and see for yourself.

11. Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park

One of only two Florida Disney water parks, Blizzard Beach has a cool theme of a ski resort that has melted into a watery landscape. There are a decent amount of rides and places to relax in the sun all around the park. One complaint of this water park that puts it so far back on this list is that there isn't as much to do at this park compared to the other Disney water park, Typhoon Lagoon. However, Blizzard Beach can still be a lot of fun and a good way to spend a day in the water.

10. Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park

Speaking of the other Disney water park, Disney's Typhoon Lagoon is one of the best water parks to visit in Florida. With a tropical lagoon theme, this water park is better known to the general public, and rightfully so. The park has a giant wave maker and a lazy river for guests to float down on tube rafts. In addition to the handful of fun water rides throughout the park, there is even an area where you can swim with sharks. While Blizzard Beach is fun, Typhoon Lagoon has it beat with more activities to do and experience.

9. Aquatica

The water park tied to the SeaWorld brand, Aquatica is very much like Typhoon Lagoon but with a lot more color and flair to it. This water park has more animal exhibits than Typhoon Lagoon, including one for dolphins. It also has a tropical theme and has the Dolphin Plunge, a water ride well known for having an outer glass section in which viewers can look around and see live dolphins swimming around them.

8. SeaWorld

While one of the most ethically controversial parks due to the documentary "Blackfish," SeaWorld still has a lot to offer its guests. With its many aquatic animal exhibits, three roller coasters, some thrill rides, and its few spectacular shows, this park can still be a fun place to experience. It's also a good place to go to cool down on a hot day. Just sit in the splash zone at any of their shows.

7. Disney's Animal Kingdom

While this theme park is part of the four Disney World theme parks, it's far back on this list for one reason: the lack of rides. This theme park is still a lot of fun and should be experienced at least once, but with it only having two coasters, three small rides, and four shows, there just isn't much there. However, if you're an animal lover, this place is right up your alley as the park has more animal exhibits than anything else in the park.

6. Busch Gardens

One of the most well known amusement parks in Florida, Busch Gardens is a place to see both animals and ride a lot of rides. With its many coasters such as the Cobra's Curse, Falcon's Fury, and Cheetah Chase, this park is heaven for thrill-seekers. The many animal exhibits around the park are also great, as the park is sectioned into different segments of the world, much like Disney's Animal Kingdom. This park is a blast to visit and always provides its guests with plenty to experience and enjoy.

5. Universal Studios

This amusement park is one of the best places for fans of movies, television, and music. With rides such as the Simpsons Ride, Shrek 4D, Revenge of the Mummy, and lots more, Universal Studios has become one of the most popular theme parks to visit, next to Disney World. Its latest addition of Diagon Alley, bringing in a bit of Islands of Adventure's Wizarding World of Harry Potter, has made Universal Studios even more tempting for guests to visit.

4. Islands of Adventure

While this theme park is part of the Universal Studios resort and one ticket can get you into both parks, Islands of Adventure is one all on its own. Breaking away from Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure has even more to do. With its different islands focused around certain themes such as Jurassic Park, Dr. Seuss, and of course its main popular island, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, this theme park is one that anyone who visits Florida should experience.

3. Disney's Hollywood Studios

This theme park, much like Universal Studios, is all about movies and television. From the falling Twilight Zone Tower of Terror ride, to adventuring through galaxies far, far away in Star Tours, this theme park is full of thrill rides, shows, and cool themed sections. While Hollywood Studios is currently lacking a lot due to the construction of the upcoming "Star Wars: Galaxies Edge" section of the park, there is still plenty to do there to have a blast.

2. Disney's Epcot

What's better than a theme park about movies and television? A theme park about the world today and the future tomorrow. Epcot is both an educational and thrilling park. With its thrills rides like Mission Space, Test Track, Soarin', and other exciting rides, there is something for everyone to enjoy. If the futuristic section isn't up your alley, there is always the world showcase in which different sections have themes of various countries that allows you to have a taste of each country's culture.

1. Disney's Magic Kingdom

The Magic Kingdom is the main theme park that most people think of when visiting Florida. The park lives up to its reputation of being the most enjoyable and unforgettable theme park to experience. With the many sections such as Adventureland, Tomorrowland, and Fantasyland, there are numerous amounts of rides and shows to go to. It is no wonder that it is number one because many people have gone to it at least once in their lives and always remember their time there. It truly is the most magical place in Florida and it earns the number one spot on this list.

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Campus News

Flower Power Takes Over Saint Leo

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Saint Leo University's School of Arts and Sciences is honoring the free spirit of the 1960's with the yearlong theme "REVOLUTION!: Saint Leo Remembers the 60s." This theme was kicked off with the Flower Power campaign event held outside of the cafeteria from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

For this event, faculty and student volunteers channeled their inner flower child and dressed in 1960s attire to greet students entering the cafeteria lobby with flowers and positive messages. In addition to the flowers, Megan Orendorf, the administrator of events and special programs for the School of Arts and Sciences, manned a colorful '60s themed display table where students could acquire themed giveaways such as tie-dyed bags, buttons, beads and temporary tattoos.

Many students, including Vincent Tonnerre, we're excited to use Flower Power to advertise peace and love throughout campus. Tonnerre spoke about how handing out flowers was a way to "spread love and respect across the community and amongst friends throughout Saint Leo."

The 1960s theme will not only be present in events such as the Flower Power campaign but will also be included in the class coursework. This decade was specifically chosen because "it's a tumultuous decade with civil rights going on, the space race, and the hippie counterculture movement," explained Orendorf. "Lots of different things in music innovation all represent a really great decade to feature and run throughout all of our classes."

This exciting event was only the beginning of the fun activities that the School of Arts and Sciences has planned for the "REVOLUTION!: Saint Leo Remembers the 60s" theme. The School of Arts and Sciences has several upcoming themed events, including 60s themed movies and free popcorn at 7:00 PM every Monday night in Selby Auditorium.

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Professors channel their inner flower child to spread Flower Power's message of peace.

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Lots of giveaways, such as temporary tattoos, necklaces, and buttons were available for students to take.

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Understanding Different Avenues For Financial Assistance

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Do you want a job, but don't know where to start? Do you know what the requirements for some jobs are? Do you know the difference between work-study and non-work-study?

Federal Work Study (FWS) is a program implemented by the United States government that subsidizes paychecks for undergraduate and graduate students working part-time. Domestic students can qualify for work study by applying for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and indicating on the application their interest in FWS. Also, FWS eligibility is reviewed each year and whether or not students receive it is determined by their FAFSA.

Although domestic students can apply for FAFSA and qualify for work study, this does not apply for international students.

"International students are not eligible to get FWS (Federal Work Study)," said Paige Ramsey-Hamacher, the executive director for Student Success. "This is because this is awarded by the US federal government to US citizens or permanent residents who have filled out the FAFSA form and have shown financial need. Not all US citizens get this award either."

In fact, domestic students, who apply for FASFA, are granted FWS on a first come, first served basis until the allotted funding is exhausted. FWS is also granted based on financial need, and FWS is intended to help fund some of students' educational expenses.

"Financial need is the difference between the cost of attendance (COA) at a school and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Need is reduced by the total amount of all scholarship and/or grants; if there is remaining need and there are remaining allocated funds, a student will be awarded," said Nisa Harrelson, the financial aid technical advisor.

When awarded FWS, a student is given a certain amount for the semester and the student cannot earn more than the amount awarded. Also, FWS awards can decrease during the year due to extra funds awarded through grants or scholarship. This is why it is imperative that students are aware of the amount awarded.

According to the 2017-2018 Student Employment Handbook: "If a student is awarded Federal Work Study, it is that student's responsibility to keep track of cumulative FWS earnings and to advise the supervisor monthly of the balance. Once the FWS limit for the semester is reached the department will terminate employment."

FWS money is limited because the allocation from the federal government is a limited amount and the amount changes annually. There are common reasons why students are denied funding for FWS.

"The most common reason that a student is denied funding is due to (a) the allocation granted to the University has been exhausted and/or (b) the student has no financial need as determined by the Department of Education once the FAFSA has been completed," said Harrelson.

Students who are awarded FWS would then apply for a FWS job on campus to earn the federally funded income. According to Melinda Clark, associate vice president of Financial Aid, everyone who is awarded FWS can get a job on campus, if each student is willing to work where the jobs are available.

"The most common positions for students on campus are positions in the Admissions, Athletics, Library, Newspaper and Student Services departments," said Harrelson.

Sometimes, students may not want the jobs that are in certain departments. However, if students aren't willing to work and they have been awarded FWS, it is important they report to the school that they decline the FWS money awarded.

"If a student is not interested in Federal Work Study, they should email student.employment@saintleo.edu as well as finaid@saintleo.edu to ask that Financial Aid remove the award and it will be awarded to a student on the waitlist," said Harrelson.

Seeing that FWS is limited, it is important that if a student is no longer interested in using it, they should say so to ensure that another student can receive the award.

Although there are limited FWS opportunities, there are other opportunities for financial assistance. Those who are not eligible or don't qualify for FWS at Saint Leo are still able to apply for another type of job, which is supported by school funds. These types of jobs are known as non-FWS jobs or Institutional Funded Employment, which is open to both domestic and international students.

Drawing by Emily Kochanski

Many students may not be aware of many aspects of employment on campus.

In past years, there had been complaints among the student body about the limited number of jobs of available and that the number of FWS jobs heavily outweighs the non-FWS jobs. However, during the last academic year, 52 percent of the jobs on campus were FWS, and 48 percent were non-FWS, according to Clark.

"In 2016-2017, there were 290 federally funded positions and 263 institutionally funded positions," said Clark.

And if this does not seem like enough jobs for the student population, there has been an increase in jobs on campus for this year.

"Federal allocation for work study has increased slightly year over year. Institutionally funded allocations have increased for the 2017-2018 academic year as well," said Clark.

To get employment information to the students, a Student Employment Fair that was held on Aug. 21 in the Student Activities Building (SAB). This is the first time the event was held and it was hosted by Career Planning, and decision to hold followed a meeting with First Year Experience.

"The idea came about as a way to help students find employment on-campus, especially first year students who are new to Saint Leo University and not sure of the opportunities available to them," said Deanna Bullard, the Assistant Director of Career Planning. "We also wanted to highlight Saint Leo's awesome departments and offices and the positions they have available!"

The event had a great turnout. In fact, according to Bullard, Career Planning is planning to hold this event each semester from now on.

"The On-Campus Student Employment Fair was very successful. We had a lot of students come out and a good amount of representation from on-campus offices. In the future, we are hoping to expand on this great turnout even more," said Bullard.

Departments that attended the employment fair encouraged students to apply online, which is the most common way for students to look for and apply for jobs on campus.

"All student employment jobs are posted online," said Clark. "Students may utilize the normal student employment process to review the jobs available."

Despite the fact that there is an increased number of jobs on campus, there are still not enough jobs to support the entire student population. However, there are other options available to students, for example, getting an off-campus job.

"If a student doesn't secure a position on campus by either federal work study

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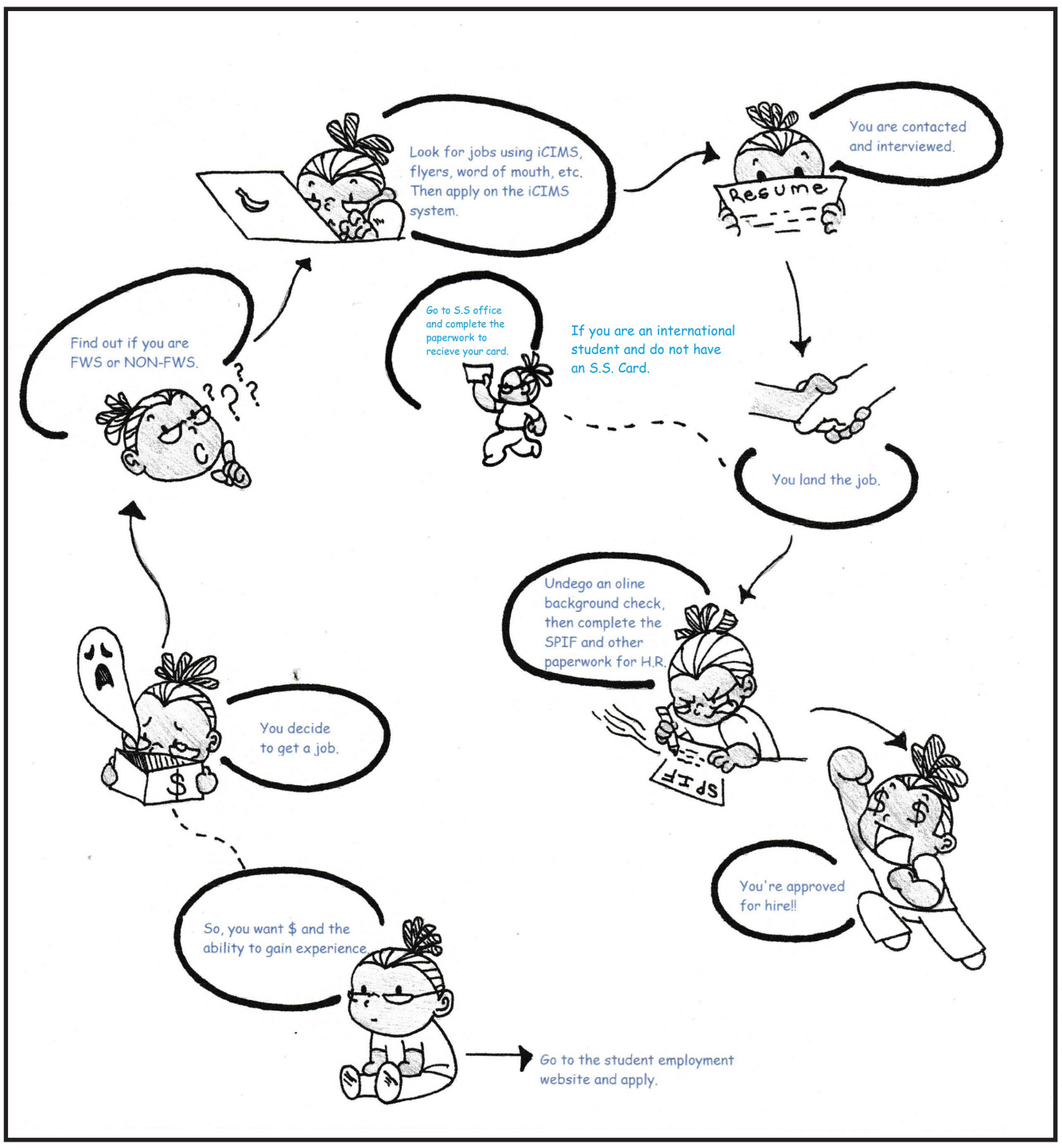
The Path to Student Employment



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or non-federal work study positions, if they have transportation, they check local area businesses for possible positions," said Harrelson.

So, there are numerous opportunities for students to be employed, whether it is through FWS, non-FWS, or off-campus jobs. However, international students are not allowed to work for off-campus jobs, except under certain circumstances.

"International students, in general, are restricted by their F1 student visa to work in on-campus jobs only," said Ramsey-Hamacher. "But for the most part, international students, regardless of how long they are in the present in the United States on an F1 visa, are not entitled to work off campus unless they are applying for special work authorization such as severe economic hardship; CPT or OPT."

International students also have opportunities to work for internships as well.

"After one full academic year on-status, students can do internships (CPT - curricular practical training) which allows the student to work off campus for an internship provided they are registered in an internship class and this internship is approved by their academic advisor and then added to the I-20 by the MISO (Multicultural and International Services office) ," said Ramsey-Hamacher. "This is authorized on the students I-20 for the term in which the student is enrolled in the internship class."

Internships are great opportunities to get more experience in a field, but also paid internships are great for financial help for both international and domestic students.

Also, there are other opportunities for financial assistance through financial aid and from scholarships. Despite many student's perceptions that the school has very few scholarships available, the number of scholarships offered has actually increased over the years.

"I'd like to clear up any misperception that Saint Leo University is offering fewer scholarships. Three years ago, we offered 150 privately funded scholarships, and now, thanks to many generous donors we offer 350," said Denny Moller, vice president of University Advancement and Communications. "The number of available scholarships fluctuate year-to-year, because if a student is awarded a renewable scholarship as a freshman and keeps up their grades, that scholarship is not available to another student for the next three years."

Also, Saint Leo offers help by awarding students financial aid to help ease the burden of tuition for students.

"Additionally, we offer institutional aid in the form of merit (such academic and athletic scholarships) and need-based awards. Saint Leo University is quite generous in comparison to other schools with similar profiles nationally," said Moller.

Overall, there are numerous avenues for financial assistance, including FWS jobs, non-FWS jobs, off-campus jobs, paid internships, scholarships, and grants. Students can take advantage of these opportunities, whether it is to help with paying for tuition, a savings pool, or spending funds.

These are the student and graduate assistant job postions on University Campus that are listed on the icims employment website as of Sept.26 2017. Some of the postions may not be available; however, you can go the website to verfiy.

Healthcare Department Student Worker
Communication & Marketing Department Office Assistant (FWS)
Communication & Marketing Office Assistant (Non-FWS)
Graduate Assistant for Women's Basketball
Student Affairs Student Employee Position
Computer Science Department Student Worker
Innovation Student Worker
Institutional Effectiveness Office Employee
Student Newspaper Staff Position (FWS & Non-FWS)
Athletic and Recreation Student Worker
Military Affairs & Services Office Assistant (FWS & Non-FWS)
University Technology Services Technician Student Worker
Graduate Assistant Campus Enrollment
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Arts & Entertainment

"IT" Knows What You Fear Most

By Emily Kochanski
Campus News Editor

Horror fans who have been harboring doubts about the remake of Stephen King's "IT" can finally put those fears to rest. The film, which debuted in theaters on Sept. 9, is frightening, visually stunning, and even down right funny enough to give Pennywise the clown a fit of the giggles.

"IT" stars Bill Skarsgard, Jaeden Leiberher, Finn Wolfhard, and more, and is directed by Andy Muschietti ("Mama.")

All is not right in the small town of Derry, Maine. Children are disappearing left and right under mysterious circumstances. When Bill Denbrough's (Leiberher) little brother, Georgie, ends up among the missing, he enlists the help of a group of misfits deemed "the Losers" to crack the case. What they find awaiting them is more baffling and horrifying than anything they could have ever imagined. Enter Pennywise the dancing clown, a supernatural entity with an evil love of children and a taste for fear. To defeat such a creature, the Losers will have to ban together and fight back with the one weapon that's hardest to come by in the face of danger: fearlessness.

The film summons frighteningly impressive special effects and several heart pounding jump scares. Educated horror fans may even notice small elements reminiscent of other horror films, such as "Mama," "The Grudge," and "A Nightmare on Elm Street." One of the film's most unforgettable and jump-worthy scenes takes place in Bill's garage when Pennywise makes a larger than life surprise appearance in the Denbrough's home movies. The scene is pure scream inducing nightmare fuel.

Speaking of the iconic clown, while he's no Tim Curry, Skarsgard breathes new life into the character of Pennywise. While Curry's clown was unnervingly goofy with evil undertones, Skarsgard is right in your face with a chilling grin, shrill laugh, and wide eyed dead pan stare. While his evil lacks the subtly that made his predecessors portrayal so great, it works for this day and age and delivers an all new feeling of dread to a new generation of movie goers.

Like "The Goonies" or "Stand by Me," "IT" is, at its heart, another coming of age tale about a group of friends on a summer adventure. The kids make the movie, particularly Finn Wolfhard ("Stranger Things") as wise-guy Richie Tozier and Jack Dylan Grazer as hypochondriac Eddie Kaspbrak. Their smart mouths, snarky attitudes, and witty banter deliver the laughs at all the right times, lightening the mood after moments of terror and sometimes making you forget that you're watching a horror film.

Both fans of the original 1990 tv miniseries and those enjoying the Stephen King tale for the first time with the remake are in for a satisfying surprise at the film's end. While most movies today supply a highly anticipated after credits scene (commonly seen in Marvel films), "IT" ends with just two simple words that will have audiences clamoring for more.

A little slow at times, but never boring, "IT" is truly the must see cinematic event of the summer and, perhaps, one of the most brilliant horror films in years. If you're already not afraid of clowns, you will be. Or, at the very least, you'll begin avoiding those foreboding open storm drains at all costs.

Movie Review Score:
5 out of 5 Paws

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Pennywise terrorized the young kids appealing to every terrible thing they conjured in their minds.

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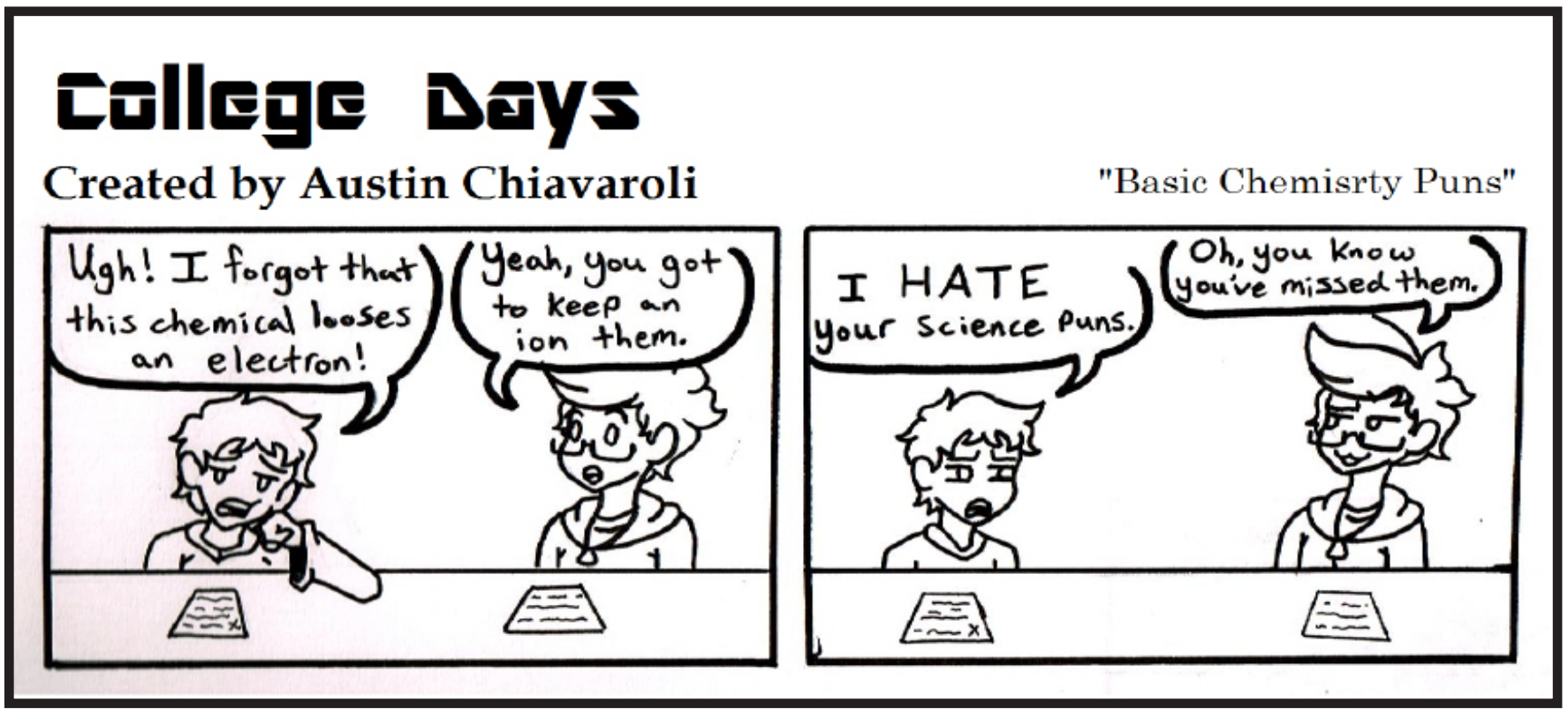
(From Left to Right) Stanley Uris (Wyatt Oleff), Richie Tozier (Finn Wolfhard), Mike Hanlon (Chosen Jacobs), Bill Denbrough (Jaeden Leiberher), Beverly Marsh (Sophia Lillis), and Ben Hanscom (Jeremy Ray Taylor) are the rag tag group of kids prepared to take on the evil entity they know only as "It."



Arts & Entertainment

"The Orville" Has Launched

By Emily Kochanski
Campus News Editor

Funny man Seth MacFarlane, creator of the hit television series "Family Guy," engaged quantum drive and made a bold leap from animation to live action with his new series "The Orville," which premiered on Sept. 10.

MacFarlane stars as Ed Mercer, a down on his luck interstellar fleet officer who catches a much-needed break when he is awarded command of an exploratory vessel, the U.S.S. Orville. But on his first day on the job, Mercer's high spirits quickly take a nose dive when he learns that his ex-wife, Kelly Grayson (played by Adrianne Palicki), is to be his first officer.

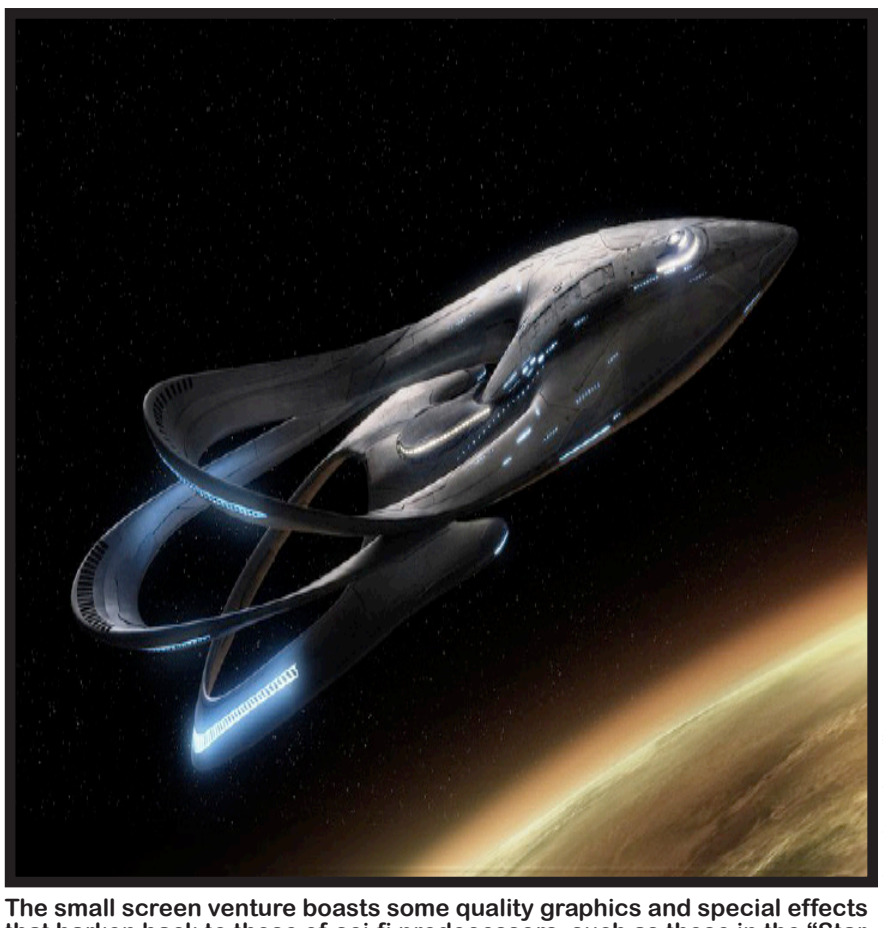
The two will have to put aside their differences in order to save the day when their first mission takes a disastrous turn. Accompanied by a steadfast crew composed of members from all different walks of extra-terrestrial life, Mercer is in for a wild ride.

"The Orville" premiere received a mixed bag of reviews, but garnered stellar ratings. According to Deadline, the new series drew in 8.6 million viewers, matching some of the most successful series premieres of the past year, including NBC's "This is Us."

The sci-fi dramedy started off a tad flat, but shows promise. "The Orville's" premise models that of the popular '60s series "Star Trek," and mirrors elements such as costumes, creatures, and set design. Though on the surface it appears to be a flat-out parody, it lacks a satirical sense of humor. The premiere was not without its chuckle worthy moments, but lacks the raunchy and in-your-face humor that MacFarlane is noted for. It's quite a refreshing change of pace and proves that there's more to MacFarlane's sense of creativity than meets the eye.

MacFarlane and Palicki are backed by a quirky supporting cast, including Penny Johnson Jerald, Scott Grimes, Peter Macon, Halston Sage, J. Lee, and Mark Jackson. Macon in particular shines as Lt. Commander Bortus, whose stoic and business-like responses to humorous situations make for some exceptional moments of comic relief. The show also boasts a slew of recognizable guest stars in upcoming episodes, including Charlize Theron ("Atomic Blonde"), Jeffrey Tambor ("Arrested Development"), and Holland Taylor ("Two and a Half Men).

"The Orville's" first season is slated for thirteen one-hour episodes. Be sure to catch upcoming episodes every Sunday at 8 p.m. on Fox. If you missed the series premiere due to complications brought about by hurricane Irma, you can watch the episode on www.fox.com. "The Orville" is a refreshing take on the Sci-Fi genre. Like Capt. James T. Kirk and the crew of the Enterprise, Seth MacFarlane is daring to boldly go where he has never gone before.



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The small screen venture boasts some quality graphics and special effects that harken back to those of sci-fi predecessors, such as those in the "Star Trek" franchise or "Battlestar Galactica."

T.V. Show Review Score:
3 out of 5 Paws

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The T.V. Show revitalises the science fiction franchise for young and old audiences alike.

Sports

Sports Through Tough Times

By Vincent Pensabene
Sports Editor

In the past few weeks, we have witnessed a few tragedies that have completely rattled the nation in Hurricane Harvey and Irma devastating the southern part of the United States. This is most certainly not the first, and unfortunately not the final, time that a tragedy will interrupt daily life. However, sports are here not only as a means of competition, but a way to help reconcile people throughout times of hardship.

On April 15, 2013 two bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon resulting in three deaths and hundreds of injuries. While the two men responsible for this were on the run and the entire nation watched, the people were coerced in figuring out how to return to daily life. Just two days later the Boston Bruins against their divisional rival Buffalo Sabres. The result on that Wednesday did not matter to many, but the solidarity of the fans standing up and singing the national anthem was emotional to say the least.

Even the Boston Red Sox added to the healing. Just 24 hours after the entire city was on lockdown and the 2nd suspect was neutralized, the Boston Red Sox played their first game since the devastation. The Red Sox honored the real-life superheroes first responders, police, civilians, and the victims in a memorable ceremony where Red Sox icon David Ortiz uttered the famous words: "This is our [expletive] city". As an added touch to the solidarity of Boston throughout, the team wore jerseys that read 'Boston' across the chest instead of 'Red Sox' as they have been doing.

The biggest tragedy in recent history that has struck the United States was the terrorist attacks that happened on September 11, 2001. The entire nation was completely shaken to its core and the sports world was put on hold during the aftermath. However, the country got up and did exactly what the nation does after horrific events happen, got up stronger than ever. The 2001 World Series pitted the Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Yankees. On October 30, Game 3 of the World Series is where the memory happens. President George W. Bush was going to throw the ceremonial first pitch in the first World Series game in New York since the attacks. While this was not the first time that ceremonial first pitches have happened, they usually happen from in front of the base of the pitching mound. However, after conversing with Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, the President decided to throw from the mound and ended up firing a perfect strike with the stadium erupting.

These are just a few moments that happened in professional sports, however, at Saint Leo, there was the making of another moment. On Saturday, the Saint Leo men's soccer team played against the Embry-Riddle Eagles in Daytona Beach. The team was going into the game with a record of 0-3 and a few struggles. With the recent events of Hurricane Irma devastating the state of Florida and the islands located in the Atlantic, the area was in need of recuperating and they might have just got their moment. With Saint Leo down 1-0, sophomore Guillaume Campos scored an unassisted goal in the 86th minute to tie the game up and eventually send the game to double overtime. In double overtime, at the 109th minute of the game, freshman Armin Bajric set up a header for Campos to score the game-winning goal and securing the first victory of the season, as well as going 1-0 in conference games.

Sports have the power to make people forget about the events that are happening around the world or even in their own backyards. It helps the people forget the strength and pain of real life. Places, where people are divided, seem less important and helping your neighbor is. As Houston Texans superstar JJ Watt brilliantly put it while thanking people for donating to his Hurricane Harvey relief, "The most difficult times seem to bring out the best in humanity."

Upcoming Games Week Ending 9/29/17 - 10/5/17

Men's Soccer
9/29- @ Florida Southern 7:00p.m.
10/1- @ West Florida 1:00 p.m.
10/4- @ Eckerd 7:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer
9/30- @ Florida Tech 7:00 p.m.
10/4- @ Eckerd 7:00 p.m.

Cross Country M/W
9/29- @ Queens N.C. Royals Challenge (Charlotte, N.C.) 4:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
9/29- @ Barry 7:00 p.m.
9/30- @ Nova Southeastern 4:00 p.m.
10/3- @ Eckerd

Fantasy Football Best Performers (Week 3)

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The third week of games in the NFL season are coming to an end and there was plenty of great fantasy football performances by some of the biggest stars in the game. Here are some of the best performances from Week Three in the NFL:

Tom Brady, QB New England Patriots:

In what was supposed to be an easy victory against rookie quarterback Deshaun Watson, the Patriots struggled to maintain a lead throughout the whole game. Brady and the New England offense were able to seal the victory with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Brandin Cooks in the final 30 seconds of the game. The Houston defense was all over Brady on Sunday with five sacks and a forced fumble that was returned for a touchdown. Even with all of the pressure, the veteran quarterback was able to throw for 378 yards and five touchdowns resulting in a 35 fantasy point performance in standard leagues. Brady has looked as good as ever this season and will give Aaron Rodgers a run for his money as the best quarterback in fantasy football by the end of the season.

Jordan Howard, RB Chicago Bears:

The second year running back erased all of the doubt that was associated with him coming into this week with a monster game against the Steelers. Howard brought his best stuff on Sunday as he ran for 138 yards on 23 carries after only rushing for seven yards the week prior. At the time of this writing, the only running back with more fantasy points this week is Todd Gurley (32.9 standard league points), but Howard's total of 26.4 fantasy points makes him more than worthy to make this list. Owners should expect many more great performances from Howard this season especially as he continues to get healthy following a nagging shoulder injury.

Stefon Diggs, WR Minnesota Vikings:

It looks like Diggs can make magic happen with whoever is throwing him the ball. The young wide receiver put on fireworks in Week One with Quarterback Sam Bradford, but in just his second game with Case Keenum he posted his best fantasy point performance of his career (29.3 points in standard scoring) and his second highest yardage total in a single game. It hasn't been easy to trust Vikings pass catchers over the last few years, but in just two games at home, the team has averaged about 355 passing yards, making Diggs and fellow wide receiver Adam Thielen solid starting options every week.

T.Y. Hilton, WR Indianapolis Colts:

The veteran wide receiver was a second or third round pick in most leagues this season, and up until this week he was barely startable. Hilton can't be solely blamed for his early season struggles as he's been playing without his usual quarterback Andrew Luck, but this week it didn't seem to matter as he was able to connect with Jacoby Brissett for 153 yards and a touchdown against the Browns. The speedster has always been known to be a boom or bust type of player, because while this explosive performance will likely be seen again this season, he will still give owners a lot of weeks with small numbers if he fails to make big plays consistently. Luckily for owners, Andrew Luck could be returning to practice this week, meaning Hilton is getting closer to becoming more reliable once he has his usual quarterback throwing him the ball.

Marcedes Lewis, TE Jacksonville Jaguars:

Lewis had himself quite a game across the Atlantic with the Jaguars playing against the Ravens in London. The veteran tight end reached the end zone three times and finished the game with 62 receiving yards, easily making this the best fantasy game in his 12 year career. While it was an impressive performance, Lewis should not be started in most fantasy leagues. Lewis has been regarded as more of a blocking tight end in his lengthy career and it wouldn't be a surprise if failed to score a touchdown the rest of the year. His three touchdowns on Sunday is the same amount of scores he has had over the past three seasons combined, which should be enough to show he is not worth adding to your team.

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